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HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman :

Councillor H. R. MILNER.

Members :

THE MAYOR	(Alderman T. D. Fenby, J.P., C.A.).
Alderman A. E. FLIGG.	Councillor J. W. WILSON.
Alderman J. NEWBY	Councillor R. MAW.
(Deputy Chairman).	Councillor C. H. EYRE.
	Councillor F. S. HUNTER.

Health Sub-Committee :

Alderman T. D. FENBY, J.P., C.A.	Councillor H. R. MILNER.
Alderman A. E. FLIGG.	Alderman J. NEWBY.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee :

Mrs. H. HARKER.	Mrs. A. EVERINGHAM.
Mrs. A. E. FLIGG.	Mrs. E. LAMBERT.

Town Clerk :

GEORGE MELVIN.

Medical Officer of Health :

EDWARD T. COLVILLE, M.D., M.B., B.S. (Hons.), B.Hy., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health :

P. D. H. CHAPMAN, M.B., B.Ch. (Camb.).

Borough Engineer

A. EVERINGHAM, M.R.S.I.

Senior Sanitary Inspector :

F. W. O'HARA, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Health Visitors :

Miss E. SMITH, H.V.Cert., C.M.B., S.R.N.
Mrs. W. M. WILDE, H.V.Cert., C.M.B., S.R.N.

Matron — Sanatorium :

Miss D. K. LEACH, S.R.F.N.

SUMMARY OF HEALTH REPORT FOR 1942.

General Statistics.

Borough	Bridlington
Area (acres)	5,703
Population :	
1931 Census (corrected for non-residents)	19,417
1941 Registrar General	17,130
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census 1931)	4,776
Total number of dwellings (Census 1931)	6,148
Number of Dwellings, 1940 (estimated)	—
Number of Uninhabited Houses, 1940 (estimated) ...	—
Rateable Value	£206,940
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£629
Density of Population per acre	2.96
Total Births	326
Birth-rate	19.02
Total Deaths	258
Death-rate	15.00
Comparability Factor to correct age and sex distribu- tion in the Borough. Census 1931	Not available
Deaths of infants under one year of age	11
(Legitimate 10, Illegitimate 1)	
Infantile Mortality	33.74 per 1,000 births
Number of Illegitimate births	35
Percentage of total Births	10.07
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0
Cancer Death-rate	2.56 per 1,000 of the Population
Phthisis Death-rate	0.58 per 1,000 of the Population

Health Department,
Town Hall,
Bridlington,
January 1st, 1943.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
the Borough of Bridlington.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Interim Report on the Health Services of the Borough for the year 1942.

Owing to the continued shortage of paper, the Minister of Health directs that Annual Reports should contain only essential and urgent matters of public health, as in the year 1941.

The health of the inhabitants has continued to be good and no serious increase in sickness or mortality is revealed. The Tuberculosis mortality, however, continues to rise. In 1940 it was 0.18 per 1,000. In 1941 it had risen to 0.47 per 1,000. This year, 1942, it has risen to 0.58 per 1,000 of the population.

I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Committee for their valuable assistance and support, and have pleasure in recording my grateful thanks to every member of the staffs of the Health and other Departments and to the W.V.S. Organisation for their co-operation and assistance.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. D. H. CHAPMAN.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Lloyd Hospital.

No important changes have been made in the role assigned to this Hospital by the Emergency Medical Service authorities since my last Annual Report.

The Avenue Hospital.

This Hospital is administered by the Public Health Committee of the East Riding County Council. There is a modern Maternity Block.

Infectious Diseases Hospital.

This is maintained by the Local Authority and cases are also admitted from the Bridlington Rural District by agreement with that Authority from the East Riding County Area if requested, and by arrangement from the Army and Air Force.

STAFF. The nursing staff now consists of Matron, Sister, one trained Nurse and three assistant nurses.

The total number of beds and cots available is 42.

The following cases were admitted :

	Admitted.	Died.
Varicella	13	—
Scarlet Fever	32	—
Diphtheria	13	1
Paratyphoid B	1	—
Encephalitis	1	—
Measles	10	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	7	—
Dysentery	1	—
Scabies	123	—
Mumps	26	—
Whooping Cough	1	—
Puerperal	1	—
Acute Sinusitis	1	—

Included in the above figures are 30 admissions from other Districts. These cases were of the following nature : 9 Scarlet Fever, 1 Diphtheria, 4 Cerebro-Spinal Fever, 2 Dysentery and 13 Scabies.

Tuberculosis.

There is no change in the facilities provided for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Maternity.

In the Maternity Block of the Avenue Hospital, 452 babies were delivered during the year. Ante-natal Clinics are held weekly at this Hospital.

Orthopaedic.

There is no change in the arrangements for orthopaedic treatment.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

The number of evacuated children in this town is negligible, but there has been an increased number of mothers and infants attending the Centre, namely, 773 children as against 646 for 1941.

The facilities for X-ray examination continue to be most valuable. One case of suspected Tuberculous Disease of the Hip was X-rayed and the diagnosis confirmed.

There is no change in the arrangements for dental treatment of children under five who attend the Centre.

The distribution of supplementary clothing coupons for expectant mothers continues as before.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

On December 31st, 1942, it was estimated that 69.3% of the child population under five years of age and 71.3% of the children between five and fifteen years had received the complete course of immunisation.

The following is a summary of the immunisations done :—

Course completed between :	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 yrs.
1st January, 1940 and 31st December, 1940	147	1145
1st January, 1941 and 30th September, 1941	146	187
1st October, 1941 and 31st December, 1941	28	10
1st January, 1942 and 30th June, 1942	86	26
1st July, 1942 and 31st December, 1942	232	983

Ophthalmic Treatment.

There is no change in the arrangement.

School Clinics.

There has been no change in the arrangements. A detailed School Report has been made by Dr. W. O. C. Jarratt, Acting School Medical Officer.

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer,
Port Medical Officer, Medical Superintendent
Maternity and Child Welfare and Isolation Hospital

* E. T. Colville, M.D., M.B., B.S. (Hons.), B.Hy., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health, Port Medical Officer,
Medical Superintendent Maternity and Child
Welfare and Isolation Hospital

P. D. H. Chapman, M.B., B.Ch. (Camb.)

Acting School Medical Officer ... W. O. C. Jarratt, M.B., B.S.

Senior Sanitary Inspector, Housing Inspector, Inspector
under the Food and Drugs Act

F. W. O'Hara, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,

R.S.I., Meat and other Food Certificates.

Deputy Senior Sanitary Inspector

* C. S. Graham, Cert. S.I.B.,

Meat and other Food Certificates.

Additional Sanitary Inspector

* K. O. Batten, Cert. S.I.B.,

Meat and other Food Certificates.

Clerks, Sanitary Department ... K. Coupland, T. H. Meredith

Clerk, Health Department and School Clinic

Miss V. J. Campey

* Absent on Active Service.

A.R.P. Shelters.

The cleansing of these shelters is carried out by the
Sanitary Department.

Water.

Routine analysis of the water supply has been carried out
as usual.

Chlorinating plants are now fitted to the pumping stations.

Housing.

The following relates to the number of houses erected by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—

Total number of houses for the working classes owned by the Corporation and erected under the Housing Acts, .

No houses were erected by the Corporation in 1942. There is a shortage of houses for working classes. There is also a large number of unfit and dilapidated houses.

Camping.

Camping by civilians is prohibited.

Infectious Diseases Notified.

Scarlet Fever	26
Diphtheria	8
Pneumonia	17
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	28
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	4
Measles	20
Whooping Cough	38
Erysipelas	6
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2
Food Poisoning	3
Paratyphoid Fever	3
Varicella	1
Scabies	80

Scabies.

This war-time scourge has been successfully kept under control. Supervised treatment is given to the whole household concerned, and if necessary the whole family is transferred to the Sanatorium for treatment there.

Tuberculosis.

The Register of Tuberculosis for the Borough for the year was as follows :—

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1st January, 1942 ...	37	43	12	18	49	61
31st December, 1942	41	51	14	23	55	74

Bacteriological Examination of Specimens.

During the year the following specimens have been submitted for bacteriological examination.

	Results :	
	Positive.	Negative
Sent by Medical Practitioners.		
Sputum for Tubercle Bacilli	10	53
Tissue Fluids for Tubercle Bacilli	—	4
Swabs for Diphtheria	2	26
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	—	4
Faeces for Enteric Fever	—	11
Urine for Enteric Fever	—	3
Blood for Widal	1	2
Sent by Medical Officer of Health :		
Sputum for Tubercle Bacilli	—	1
Swabs for Diphtheria	4	33
Faeces for Enterica	1	3
Urine for Enterica	—	3
Faeces for Dysentery	—	2
Urine for Dysentery	—	1
C.S.F. Fluid	5	7
Blood Culture	—	3
Blood for Wasserman	—	1
Blood for Widal	1	—
Swabs for Puerperal Fever	—	2
Knee Fluid	—	1
Vincent's Angina	1	1

Pathological specimens from members of the Forces are examined free of charge at the E.M.S. Laboratory, Northallerton.

BOROUGH OF BRIDLINGTON.

REPORT OF SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

Health Department,
Town Hall,
Bridlington.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Bridlington.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1942, which is again an interim one. The usual statistics and records will be carefully preserved for consideration at a later date.

Mr. T. Ramsbottom, Additional Sanitary Inspector, retired on the 30th April, 1942. It is sad to record that his retirement only lasted for a period of three weeks before he passed away.

I would like to record my appreciation of the very excellent service rendered by Mr. Ramsbottom; he was a man endowed with a great amount of tact, a quality so necessary to every Sanitary Inspector.

No success attended the application of the Corporation to the Ministry of Health with reference to the recalling of Mr. K. O. Batten from His Majesty's Forces to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ramsbottom.

The Borough of Batley and the City of York were approached with respect to the loaning of a Sanitary Inspector, but the ultimate results were negative.

This meant I had to carry on alone from 30th April, 1942, to the 5th October, 1942, when Mr. C. S. Graham was requested to relinquish his position as A.R.P. Officer and revert to his previous appointment as Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Every effort was made to deal effectively with complaints, supervision of the milk and food supply, factories, collection and disposal of house and trade refuse, salvage, etc., and in order to do this I relinquished my position as Chief A.R.P. Instructor in June.

Inspections

The total number of inspections, visits and interviews for all purposes amount to 4,903.

Of these 1,886 were made in connection with general sanitation : 1,393 were made in connection with food premises : 1,478 visits in connection with the Public Health and Housing Acts : 118 visits in connection with infectious disease, and 28 visits in connection with verminous premses.

Notces Served.

162 Preliminary Notices were served during the year. A large number of letters were sent to owners, agents and occupiers requesting them to abate nuisances, and carry out sanitary improvements and repairs. I am glad to say that no major work was outstanding at the end of the year, in fact builders have shown a willingness to help my Department in the executing of necessary works.

Closet Accommodation.

Two Statutory Notices were served during the year.

Total number of water closets in the Borough	9,471
Total number of dustbins in the Borough	8,080
Total number of houses with earth closets in the Borough	169
Total number of dwelling houses in the Borough	7,413

Housing.

No houses were erected during the year either by private enterprise or by the Corporation.

Inspection of Houses during the year.

During the year 410 houses were inspected for housing defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts.

Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders.

There are 58 Cowsheds within the Borough.

No. of cowkeepers registered as wholesale and retail sellers	9
No. of cowkeepers registered to sell milk wholesale only...	16
No. of cowkeepers registered to sell milk by retail only...	14
No. of registered milk sellers (other than cowkeepers) ...	37
No. of registered milk sellers residing outside the Borough	7

Application for Registration.

	Number of Applications.	Granted.	Refused.
Cowkeepers	—	—	—
Dairies, Milkshops, etc. ...	—	—	—
Dairymen	2	2	—

Visits and Inspections.

Visits to cowsheds, milkshops and dairies	183
Number of defects found	19
Number of defects remedied	19

Milk Supply.

Twenty-four samples of milk have been submitted to the North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, for bacteriological and biological examination.

In 14 samples B. Coli was present. All were found to be negative to Tubercle Bacilli after biological examination.

Water Supply.

Twenty-four samples of water were submitted to the North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, for bacteriological examination. All were obtained from the public supply, and were found to be satisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are 15 slaughter-houses in the Borough. At the present time there is only one in operation, namely, the Government Controlled Slaughter-house in Rhodena Avenue.

390 visits were made to the Government Controlled Slaughter-house, and the carcasses and organs of 17 Bulls, 119 Cows, 657 Bullocks, 137 Heifers, 108 Calves, 7,928 Sheep and 118 Pigs have been examined.

The weight of food condemned during the year was as follows :—

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Whole Carcasses	3	8	2	11½
Carcasses of which part or organ was condemned	3	13	3	22½
Other Foods	1	10	3	12

137 visits were made to Market (Food) Stalls and the food exposed for sale is kept at a fairly high quality.

368 visits were made to Butcher's Shops and Food Preparing Premises.

34 visits were made to Wet Fish Shops.

109 visits were made to Fried Fish Shops.

Offensive Trades.

12 visits have been made to Knackers Yard and Tripe-boiling premises. No nuisances were found.

Shops Act.

37 visits were made to shops. One case of insufficient sanitary accommodation and one case of defective water-closet accommodation were remedied.

Factories Act.

Factories have greatly reduced in number since the outbreak of war, 167 visits (including visits to bakehouses) have been made, 3 defects have been found and remedied.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.

87 visits have been made during the year. Serious complaints are referred to the Rat Officer attached to the War Agricultural Committee, otherwise local assistance is given in the extermination of rats and mice.

Infectious Disease.

118 visits were made in connection with notifiable infectious disease.

78 disinfections have been carried out for all causes, including infectious diseases.

Public Cleansing.

The total weight of refuse (50% test weighings) was 6,022 tons 4 cwts. 1 qr., which includes 183 tons 12 cwts. 2 qrs. of trade refuse, practically the whole of which was waste paper.

A total of 644 tons 16 cwts. 1 qr. of salvaged materials were collected and disposed of during the year. 292 tons 11 cwts. consisted of waste paper.

Salvageable materials show an increase of 183 tons 3 cwts. 1 qr., and of this amount waste paper increased by 14 tons as compared with 1940/41.

It has not been possible to maintain a weekly collection of refuse owing to the shortage of labour and to the extra effort needed for the collection of salvage in the Borough.

All the refuse has been tipped at Fond Brigg Lane Tip, in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health. No complaints have been received during the year with respect to tipping, and, as last year, a considerable portion of the land that has been filled in with house refuse is under cultivation.

I have to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their consideration and support.

I have pleasure in recording my grateful thanks to every member of the Health and other Departments for their co-operation in matters affecting my Department.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

F. W. O'HARA.

Coates & Hall, Marshall Avenue, Bridlington.
